City of Las Vegas

Vecas Agenda Item No.: 154.

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## **SUBJECT:**

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

## **BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:**

Submitted at meeting – Article dated 4/9/2006 from Allen Wither and article on Las Vegas Sanctuary City

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN BARLOW was excused at 7:01 p.m.

RASHAN JOSHUA COLLINS stated he was arrested twice at two different libraries for carrying a sign praising the word of God. He was also arrested at the Rotary Park, which opened at 7:00 a.m., but he was there at 8:00 a.m. He is hoping to resolve this issue and asked for direction. MAYOR GOODMAN responded that he checked with Metro and was advised that MR. COLLINS was trespassing, so they had a right to arrest him.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER stated that the United States is being invaded by illegal aliens and desired to see the Council address this issue. He hopes to pass laws against hiring illegal aliens.

ORVILLE LAMERCE, 3962 Silver Sable Court, expressed concern about the influx of illegal immigrants and believes this City will become a sanctuary for them. He does not want his money spent on a building that gives a place for them to stay, as crime will increase. He urged the Council to carefully consider this issue.

FRANK SCHNEIDER stated that any person crossing the border is a criminal, as most are uneducated, disease infected, criminals and possibly trained terrorists. Local governments need to enact laws preventing the hiring of illegal aliens and eliminate any government services for these individuals. He desired to see government review and implement 287G of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Las Vegas should not be a sanctuary City.

ALLEN WITHER, 2026 Poppywood Avenue, Henderson referred to the City's mission and stated he does not feel safe in this City. He is worried about Las Vegas, Henderson and the State of Nevada becoming sanctuary cities. He submitted an article for the record.

CURWIN MORAN, 7870 Carolyn Lee Lane, referred to Items 84 and 85, which were held in abeyance and how action on these items has been delayed. He has made telephone calls and sent

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certified letters to no avail. He has dealt with staff and fallen on deaf ear. Because of travel arrangements, he was not able to attend the meeting. The Mayor informed him these items were stricken and he will get some information to him.

HAZEL FREDERICK confirmed that he has power of attorney for Items 84 and 85 that MR. MORAN referred to. He requested documentation on closure, and the Mayor stated he would follow up with that information.

RICKY HOOPER reiterated his concerns with the WalMart on Charleston Boulevard being ADA compliant. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN replied that staff investigated and visited the site and staff was able to find another way from the bus stop to Wal-Mart. She thought staff had already contacted MR. HOOPER. It was her opinion that there is room for improvement and staff would look into that.

CURTIS TURNER, 1600 East Roseo Avenue, thanked the City Council and Mayor for taking the time to listen to the citizens. He served in the military and has come across prejudice. He referred to illegal immigrants and that the issue would become a bigger problem if not addressed. MR. TURNER also suggested getting Amtrack back in town.

KATE TELFUR has resided in Las Vegas for 15 years and also referred to the issues with illegal immigrants and the City becoming a sanctuary. She believed there are too many meth labs within the city, and it is the cause of the outrageous number of children in Child Haven. The meth is being produced in Mexico. She urged the Council to review and assist in enacting 287G of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

TED RUSSELL, Las Vegas resident, stated MR. SIMPSON is innocent until proven guilty; however, he resented his interference with the ratings. He addressed the Las Vegas Fire and Rescue as being the best fire department in the United States. He commented on the Regional Justice Center and that it is underutilized, and there is no need for another court building. Juvenile mortality is rising, and he suggested to DAVID RIGGLEMAN doing a co-op with Clark County, KCLV, on half-hour segments on the preventable mortality rate of the young. He closed by stating the committee on homelessness is meeting soon, and he is concerned that there is little medical oversight at the four primary shelters.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.